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THE FOLLOWING IS THE EMBASSY'S CONTRIBUTION FOR PARAGRAPH 3A  
OF THE DRAFT HUMAN RIGHTS EVALUATION REPORT.

1. RECENT TRENDS IN GOVERNMENTAL POLICY EVIDENCE CONTINUING  
CONCERN FOR THE BASIC NEEDS OF THE POOR IN THE AREAS OF NU-  
TRITION, HEALTH CARE, EDUCATION AND HOUSING. AGRICULTURE  
POLICY HAS EMPHASIZED INCREASED PRODUCTION OF BASIC FOODSTUFFS  
WHICH MOST DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE RURAPOAND URBAN POOR. PRO-  
GRAMS WHICH SUPPORT THIS POLICY CONSIST OF REASEARCH, CREDIT,  
PRICE SUPPORTS, AND EXTENSION EFFORTS IN BASIC GRAINS, AND  
ARE DIRECTED TOWARD LOW INCOME FARMERS.

2. THE PRELIMINARY FIVE YEAR PLAN FOR 1978-82, ENDORSED  
BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT CONTINUES ENFORTS DESIGNED TO REACH  
SELF SUFFICIENCY IN BASIC GRAINS, AND ALSO SEEKS TO INCREASE  
EMPLOYMENT IN THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR. IN ADDRESSING THE  
LATTER, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT NEW POLICY WILL EMPHASIZE  
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DEVELOPMENT OF VERTICALLY INTEGRATED AGRO-INDUSTRY AND  
MULTIPLE-CROPPING WHICH IN GENERAL IS HIGHLY LABOR-  
INTENSIVE.

3. THERE ARE NO AGRICULTURAL POLICIES OR STRATEGIES IN  
THE 1978-82 FIVE YEAR PLAN THAT CAN BE SAID TO IGNORE THE  
NEEDS OF THE POOR. EVEN THE POLICY OF CINTUNUED SUPPORT

FOR AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS CALLS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGIES TO INCREASE EXPORTS OF PRODUCTS OTHER THAN THE TRADITIONAL COFFEE, COTTON, AND SUGAR WHICH WILL BENEFIT THE SMALL FARMER.

4. THE GOES HAS BEEN RESPONSIVE TO THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF THE POOR THROUGH VARIOUS RECENT ACTION PROGRAMS. MOST SIGNIFICANT HAS BEEN THE FORMATION, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF USAID, OF A PARAMEDICAL GROUP, CALLED RURAL HEALTH AIDES, WHO FORM THE BACKBONE OF THE 5-YEAR HEALTH PLAN FOR "RURAL PENETRATION," PROVIDING CURATIVE AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO RURAL INHABITANTS. PLANS CALL FOR 1,500 RURAL HEALTH AIDES TO BE WORKING IN 3,000 RURAL COMMUNITIES BY 1982.

5. PARALLELING THIS EFFORT IN HEALTH OUTREACH IS THE CONTINUATION OF CLINIC INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT. BY 1982, 46 NEW CLINICS WILL BE ADDED TO THE 239 FACILITIES ALREADY FUNCTIONING. NEW REGIONAL HOSPITALS, FINANCED BY IDB, ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN SAN MIGUEL AND SONSONATE, TO COMPLEMENT THE FIVE RENOVATED IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. IN ADDITION, THE GOES, AS PART OF ITS RURAL PENETRATION PLAN, WILL BEGIN NEW INITIATIVES TO COMBAT MALARIA INCIDENCE AND PROMOTE BETTER SANITATION IN RURAL AREAS.

6. REGARDING FAMILY PLANNING, THE GOES HAS GONE ON RECORD WITH ONE OF THE MOST PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL PLANNING POLICIES

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WITHIN THE HEMISPHERE TO REDUCE ITS POPULATION GROWTH. THE DRIVE TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF CONTRACEPTIVE SERVICES TO THE SALVADORAN PUBLIC RECEIVES PRIORITY ATTENTION OF THE HEALTH MINISTRY.

7. OVERALL, HEALTH CARE HAS RECEIVED IMPRESSIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT, AS REFLECTED IN ITS 1977 BUDGET OF \$48 MILLION, REPRESENTING APPROXIMATELY 11 PERCENT OF THE NATIONAL BUDGET.

8. BECAUSE OF THE MAGNITUDE OF PROBLEM OF DELIVERING ADEQUATE HEALTH CARE TO ALL THE NATION'S RURAL AND URBAN POOR, AND THE LIMITED RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THE JOB, ONE CAN ALWAYS POINT OUT AREAS IN WHICH A GREAT DEAL MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE. ONE SUCH AREA IS PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE AND OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES TO "MARINAL ZONES" OR SLUM AREAS IN THE MAJOR CITIES. ANOTHER PROBLEM AREA IS THE LACK OF REGULATION AND CONTROL OF THE INDISCRIMINATE USE OF PESTICIDES, PARTICULARLY IN THE COTTON GROWING ZONES, WHICH HAS A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE HEALTH STATUS OF RURAL LABORERS.

9. CONTINUING A TREND OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OVER THE

PAST DECADE FOR IMPROVED EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR THE ENTIRE POPULATION (APPROXIMATELY 25 PERCENT OF THE NATIONAL BUDGETS OVER THIS PERIOD HAS BEEN DEVOTED TO EDUCATION), THE NEW GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED THAT ITS TOP PRIORITIES OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS WILL BE IN IMPROVING EDUCATION IN THE RURAL AREAS AND DEVOTING MORE ATTENTION TO THE PROVISION OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TO BOTH THE SCHOOL AGE POPULATION AND OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH AND ADULTS.

10. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF AID AND THE WORLD BANK, THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR HAS MADE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPING PRIMARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE NATION. BUT DESPITE MARKED IMPROVEMENTS, EDUCATION IN RURAL AREAS IS STILL A PROBLEM. AS A RESULT  
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OF THE FINDINGS OF A THREE-YEAR NATIONAL EDUCATION SECTOR ANALYSIS, CARRIED OUT BY THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION WITH USAID TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, THE GOES HAS REQUESTED FROM USAID AN ADDITIONAL LOAN OF APPROXIMATELY \$12 MILLION OVER FOUR YEARS TO IMPROVE RURAL PRIMARY EDUCATION.

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11. TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF PROVIDING FREE RURAL AND

URBAN POOR MAJORITY WITH SALEABLE OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS AND  
THUS LESSEN THE PROBLMES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT,  
THE GOES, WITH USAID ASSISTANCE, IS CONDUCTING A PILOT PRO-  
JECT WHIKX, UPON COMPLETION IN MARCH, 1978, WILL FORM THE  
BASIS OF AN EXPANDED, LOAN-FUNDED PROJECT TO REACH APPROX-  
IMATELY 15,000 PERSONS ANNUALLY. MARGINAL PEOPLE, WITH  
LIMITED EDUCATION AND TRAINING, WILL BE GIVEN ONE YEAR  
EVENING COURSES IN SUCH SUBJECTS AS SEWING, TAILORING, AUTO-  
MECHANICS, RADIO/TV REPAIR, HOME ECONOMICS, BUILDING TRADES,  
AND ELECTRONICS. THEY WILL ALSO BE ASSISTED IN SECURING  
JOBS WITH INDUSTRIAL FIRMS AND/OR STARTING LOCAL COOPERATIVES.

12. THE BASIC POLICY OF THE GOES IN THE AREA OF HOUSING IS  
TO FOMENT THE CONSTRUCTION AND BETTERMENT OF RURAL HOUSING  
AND THE RENOVATION OF URBAN HOUSING, ESPECIALLY IN SAN  
SALVADOR.

13. THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR IS PROJECTING THE CON-  
STRUCTION OF A TOTAL OF 32,000 UNITS IN THE MINIMUM HOUSING  
CATEGORY AT A COST OF ABOUT \$58.0 MILLION FROM 1977 TO 1982.  
THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE ABOUT 20,000 BASIC SHELTER FACILITIES  
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TO BE RPOVIDED BY THE INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE PENSIONES PARA  
EMPLEADOS PUBLICOS (INPEP) OR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT  
20,000 RURAL BASIC SHELTER FACILITIES BY THE INSTITUTO SAL-  
VADORENO DE TRANSFORMATION AGRARIA (ISTA) FOR WHICH THE  
AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING HAVE NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED.

14. THERE ARE ALSO OTHER AREAS IN WHICH THE GOES IS AT-  
TEMPTING TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE POOR. FOR EXAMPLE, THE  
GOES HAS APPROVED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SALVADORAN INSITUTE  
FOR WOMEN TO BE LOCATED WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING.  
EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON SUPPORTING AND DEVELOPING ACTIVI-  
TIES THAT BENEFIT RURAL AND URBAN FEMALE POOR.

15. THE GOES IS ALSO HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE COLLECTION OF  
COMPREHENSIVE DATA ON THE STATUS OF THE POOR IN ORDER TO  
BETTER RESPOND TO THEIR NEEDS.

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